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wswyt@highline.edu**Highline Community College wants to place students into the courses where they will do their best. National studies have shown that with large scale indirect assessment tests like COMPASS and Accuplacer, some students “misplace” into pre-college/developmental classes in math and English. This misplacement wastes time and money if students register for classes that they don’t need. In addition, studies show that students placing into pre-college classes are less likely to make it to and through the college level courses. Studies have also indicated that high school GPA and grades in specific courses are more accurate predictors of success than COMPASS or Accuplacer.

For these reasons, Highline CC uses transcript-based placement for math (see back for rubric). We are in the process of developing the same for English.

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High School Transcript Placement for English Highline Community College**

In addition to our COMPASS assessment, students may be placed in English composition (English 101) according to the following chart.

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| **If your last English course was…** | **And you earned a grade of…** | **And you completed it within \_\_\_ of today’s date** | **Placement option** |
| 12th grade Language Arts | At least a B both semesters | 3 years | **Take English 101** |
| C or below | *Take COMPASS test for English Placement* | |
| Cambridge Sr | At least a B both semesters | 3 years | **Take English 101** |
| C or below | *Take COMPASS test for English Placement* | |
| AP Language | At least a B both semesters | 3 years | **Take English 101** |
| C or below | *Take COMPASS test for English Placement* | |
| AP Literature | At least a B both semesters | 3 years | **Take English 101** |
| C or below | *Take COMPASS test for English Placement* | |
| IB Sr.  Language/  Literature | At least a B both semesters | 3 years | **Take English 101** |
| C or below | *Take COMPASS test for English Placement* | |
| UW in the Schools? | At least a B both semesters? | 3 years | **Take English 101** |
| C or below | *Take COMPASS test for English Placement* | |